Kendriya Bhandar has adopted a programme of modernizing its stores depending upon size and items sold. Recently Kendriya Bhandar has opened its first modernized store at Netajl Nagar, New Delhi. It has been decided to assess its overall performance for some time before taking up the modernization of other stores.

Promotion of Under Secretaries in CSS

3063. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in CSS, junior Under Secretaries continue to officiate as Deputy Secretaries ignoring the claim of seniors who have not been promoted despite representations submitted by them and this has been a cause of heart burning amongst them;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that in order to remove such anomaly Government in the past promoted senior Under Secretaries *vis-a-vis* their juniors and that this should be the last batch for such promotions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) On the basis of Select List of Grade I of CSS for the year 1989 and 1990, certain posts of Under Secretaries were upgraded as Deputy Secretaries as a measure personel to the officers. The representations received from Under Secretaries, senior to a few Direct Recruit Section Officers, figureing in Select List of Grade I of CSS for the later years have been examined. Administratively it has not been considered feasible top further upgrade the post of Under Secretary as Deputy Secretary as a measure personal to them.

Violation of reservation policy in promotion

3064. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under resen/ation policy of Government, there is a provision of promotion for SC/ST Officers to the lowest rung of Group'A" post;